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Honors Humanities

**“The Gift,” 2**

Do all of the following:

1. Read p. 58 (“Jenkintown…”) to p. 59 (ending at “something pleasurable.”). Annotate and write down definitions for four words you don’t know well.

2. Paraphrase the following statement of Kravinsky. First, circle the important words and phrases below. After writing your paraphrase, comment on the statement in a solid paragraph (your opinion of what Kravinksy says or simply your reaction to it - this reaction can be a piece of thinking about your own life, if you like).

“I used to feel that I had to be good, truly good in my heart and spirit, in order to do good,” he said, in a soft voice. “But it’s the other way around; if you do good, you become better. With each thing I’ve given away, I’ve been *more* certain of the need to give more away. And at the end of it maybe I will be good. But what are they going to say - that I’m depressed? I am, but this isn’t suicidal. I’m depressed because I haven’t done enough” (58).

3. Kravinsky says that he aspires to “ethical ecstasy” (58). Look up what “ecstasy” literally means (its etymology) and write 2-3 sentences about what he means by this phrase.

4. Kravinsky mentions two ratios in the middle column of p. 59. What are the ratios and what do they describe?